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REMARKS

These remarks are in Response to the Office Communication mailed April 28, 2005, and are Supplemental to the RCE filed January 31, 2005. This Supplemental Response provides the correct status identifiers for all claims. This Supplemental Response reiterates the amendments submitted in Applicants' Response filed May 7, 2004, which were not entered. This Supplemental Response also reiterates the amendments submitted in Applicants' RCE filed January 31, 2005. Accordingly, upon entry of the Supplemental Response, claims 1 to 4, 6 to 8, 10, 12 to 21, 23 to 25 and 28 to 40 are under consideration.

Support for the Amendments and New Claim are as set forth in Applicants' Response filed May 7, 2004, and Applicants' RCE filed January 31, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner refer to the aforementioned Response and RCE which provides support for the Amendments and New Claim. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

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CONCLUSION

In summary, for the reasons set forth herein, Applicants maintain that claims 1 to 4, 6 to 8, 10, 12 to 21, 23 to 25 and 28 to 40 clearly and patentably define the invention, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the various grounds set forth in the Office Action, and respectfully request the allowance of the claims which are now pending.

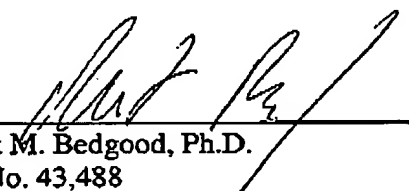
If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicant's representative can be reached at (858) 509-4065.

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